

# Mrs. Hlad's Classroom News

## Week of: Sept. 23-27

Dear parents,

Happy Fall! We will be learning about one of my favorite historical figures this week, Johnny Appleseed. To celebrate his birthday, which is on Sept. 26th, we will be having some Apple Hill Orchard apple donuts and cider for our Fun Friday activity. Yum!

This week is "Start With Hello" week. We will be learning about the importance of kindness, reaching out to help another, embracing diversity and connecting with others. On Wednesday this week, have your child wear a kindness shirt or a shirt that promotes a positive message. Our class is participating in the Kindness Classroom Challenge, and if our class is chosen out of the drawing, the students will get a small reward (maybe extra recess). So, wear those shirts on Wednesday! :)

I will soon be sending home a parent/teacher conference form for you to fill out and return to me as soon as possible, letting me know which night and time would work best for you. I have a limited number of morning- before school times, so please choose an evening time, if you can. We sit down as a staff to make sure sibling times are back to back. I'm looking forward to meeting with all of you to discuss your child's progress thus far, and what to expect ahead.

Please remember to sign and date your child's interim/grade card envelope and send the empty envelope back to me this week. Thanks!

Here's what's happening this week:

**Letters of the Week:** Cc and Oo (make sure to go over naming the letters, producing their sounds correctly, things that start with that letter sound, and how to write the letter correctly each night)

- **Words of the Week:** do, you, was (make sure to go over reading ALL 30 kindergarten sight words nightly.)
- **Theme:** Johnny Appleseed/Apples
- **Math:** Read the "Math News" parent letter and look over any math problem set papers that your child brings home. Go over again at home anything they might have missed or had trouble understanding.
- **Writing:** Learning what writing is and how to write a simple "I like" or "I love" story. (sentence)
- **Social Studies:** Playing together. Look for our Scholastic social studies weekly reader, Let's Find Out, in your child's folder, and read and go over with your child at home. Thank you! And, we'll be reading Johnny Appleseed books.
- **Science:** Color mixing experiment.

- **Fun Friday Activity:** Happy birthday, Johnny Appleseed, celebration with Apple Hill Orchard apple donuts and cider. We'll also make a Johnny Appleseed puppet.

#### Important Dates

**This Wednesday, Sept. 25:** Wear a kindness shirt or shirt with a positive message to school.

**Tuesday, Sept. 24:** SCRAP Recycling, 12:30-2:30.

**Monday, Oct. 7:** Dowds Fall Festival, 5:00-7:00. Lots of fun! Hope you can come!

**Tuesday, Oct. 8:** PTO Fall Fundraiser Delivery: 3:00-5:00 pick up items @ Dowds. If you have a big order, and/or if your child rides a bus home, I suggest you come to pick up your kindergarten child and order that day so everything makes it home safely.

**Friday, Oct. 11: Fall Picture Day:** Look nice and smile pretty! :)

**Thursday, Oct. 17:** Kindergarten Field Trip to Wayne's Country Market! More details and chaperone/lunch sign-up form being sent home next Monday, Sept. 30th.

**Friday, Oct. 18: NO SCHOOL: Teacher In-service Day. Please make arrangements! Thanks!**

**Tuesday, Oct. 22:** SCRAP Recycling 12:30-2:30.

**Monday, Oct. 28:** Kindergarten to the Renaissance Theatre to watch Pete the Cat stage production. NO CHAPERONES allowed for this field trip due to lack of seating space at the theatre.

**Week of Oct. 28-Nov. 1:** PTO Fall Book Fair and Parent/Teacher Conference Week. Conferences will be held Monday and Wednesday (Oct. 28 and 30) nights of this week. Be thinking about which night works best for you. Sign up paper coming home soon. I must meet with at least one parent for each student.

**Have a great week!**

**Mrs. Hlad :)**